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11. In response to reftel request, post's officer responsible for transportation issues, including the handling of Foreign Ministry authorizations for maritime scientific research, is Economic Officer Justin Berg:

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¶3. Maritime research authorizations in Romania are handled by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). The United States has not made any requests since the recent International Court of Justice ruling delimiting Romania's Exclusive Economic Zone in the Black Sea. Until such a request is made, it is unclear how the MFA will handle the authorization in practice.

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